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*After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne and to the Lamb!"*  
Rev. 7:9-10

Dear Friends,

In our April newsletter we informed you that MAF had provided us with a 6-month sabbatical from my position at Prairie Aviation. This break was intended to allow time for study as well as prayer about our next years of ministry. Thank you for your continued prayers and support during this important time of discernment!

## Change of Direction

The past 4 months have brought a whirlwind of activity and changes to our lives! Alongside completing several management-related courses, we have spent considerable time as a family in prayer and discussion about ministry direction. The Lord has continued to affirm in us the desire to be involved in cross-cultural ministry for the sake of the Gospel. Here at PATC we have been blessed to do that within the context of our foreign students who need extra support as they adjust to Canadian culture and settle into college life.

After much prayer, we sense that the Lord is leading us back overseas for a one-year

assignment! This time we will be going to the West African country of Guinea where MAF is beginning a new program. With our previous experience in French-speaking Chad, and the fact that I hold the appropriate pilot licenses for Guinea, MAF asked if we would be willing to help get their operations 'off the ground'. Guinea was a former French colony and is not to be confused with Guinea-Bissau, which was a Portuguese colony, or Equatorial-Guinea, which was a Spanish colony. Because of the three

different countries in Africa using the name Guinea, the French one is sometimes called by the name of its capital city, Conakry. As with many African



countries, Guinea has experienced considerable poverty and turmoil within its borders over the past half century. Approximately 90% of the population follows Islam while only 5% claims some form of faith in Christ! Mission organizations that are working in remote parts of the country are anxious for MAF to come in and support their efforts through transportation. We recently heard from friends in a community in central Guinea that they typically drive 16 hours on rough roads to get to

the capital which is only 600 miles away. Another family is a 3 day drive from the city and are uncertain how much longer they will be able to continue their work without better transportation support. We are burdened for the great spiritual needs of this country and are excited for the opportunity to help multiply the spread of the Gospel where so many barriers exist! We look forward to the day we all stand in the presence of Christ with brothers and sisters from Guinea!

### So What's Next?

We have just sold and moved out of the home we have enjoyed for these past 8 years. It was a difficult move considering all the many memories we've made there as a family. It was a particular joy to use that home to host at least 300 students and staff from the aviation program over the years. We are grateful that the Lord has provided us with a smaller home that we are just getting settled into and we hope to rent out while we are in Africa.

MAF is putting together a training plan so we expect the fall to be filled with re-currency courses to prepare us for this next assignment. We also hope to stay connected to PATC and help out where we can before we leave. Lord willing, we would like to remain involved with the flight school even after our return from Guinea.

### Family Update

It was great to have Mariah home from university for 2 months. She was excited to take a car down with her this time since she will likely remain there next summer. I had the privilege to make the road trip down with her and meet her coaches and some of her friends.

Julia returned from her missions trip to Alaska just as Mariah left. She had many stories of what God was doing among the communities in the north.



She is already looking forward to the next opportunity to get back and see the girls she met at the Bible Camp. She is continuing studies online while also working for the fall in order to save up and go back to university in January.

Peter, Evenly and Kiara have been a great help with our move. They have been motivated recently to begin some simple French lessons in preparation for Guinea since they never learned it in Chad at their ages back then. Thankfully, all three have experience in online studies and will continue their distance learning while in Guinea.

As we prepare for this new assignment we are reminded again of the faithful support many of you have showered on us these past 20 years through prayers and finances. Included with this letter is a letter from MAF sharing about the financial needs of our ministry. Please prayerfully consider whether you are able to help meet this need.

**Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for making this ministry possible! The Lord bless you and keep you!**

*Kalvin & Dorilee*

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### Dear Friends and Family of Calvin and Dorilee Hildebrandt

Despite the many challenges we have faced as a result of the global pandemic, MAF has continued serving and supporting isolated communities all around the world.

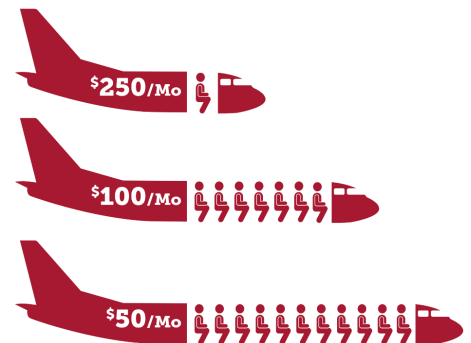
But we know it takes a team to make this happen! The ministry of MAF would not be possible without people like Calvin and Dorilee who are following His call, or men and women like you who are willing to commit to financially supporting the ministry of MAF.

The Hildebrandts have a legacy of service with MAF. From their time serving in Chad, to taking leadership at Prairie Aviation Training Centre, their commitment has always been to being His hands and feet. Now, as they prepare to serve overseas once again, this time in Guinea, West Africa, we look forward to the impact that they will have there for Christ.

I am writing today to update you on Calvin and Dorilee's current ministry support situation, and to ask if you would prayerfully consider assisting them in raising the additional \$1,500 in monthly support their ministry with MAF needs.

### There are a few ways you can help fill the seats on their support team:

- ➔ If you are not currently a financial partner, consider whether you are able to **make a monthly commitment** to Calvin and Dorilee's ministry with MAF.
- ➔ If you are currently a financial partner, would you consider **increasing** your monthly support?
- ➔ Another way to support the Hildebrandt's ministry would be to reach out to **people in your community** who may wish to support their ministry with MAF.



Thank you for your continued support of MAF through the work of Calvin and Dorilee Hildebrandt. Make no mistake, without your financial contributions to our work, we would be unable to keep talented and skilled people like Calvin and Dorilee serving to impact communities around the world. It is the support of people like you that keeps MAF **Flying for Life!**

Brad Bell  
President and CEO, MAF Canada

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